

Decreased Spring class options discourage students

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As the semester rolls to a close, registration for the spring semester has begun, and students are less than enthused by the lack of choices when it comes to class section schedules.

It is no secret that enrollment is low at BCCC, but now that low enrollment, among other things, may be affecting students more than they originally realized.

Christine Hagedorn Dean of Student Services says that, the main reason for low enrollment is the fact that there are fewer students graduating from high school, but more importantly more people are choosing to not go to college.

Hagedorn goes onto say, “The economy is getting better so people are working now and some deciding to go straight to work after high school. We usually do better when the economy is bad because people feel like



Photo of a nearly empty classroom at Bucks.

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they have a better chance of making money if they have a degree.”

The low amount of class section options could be due to the low enrollment, but that has yet to be confirmed. Regardless, students all over campus are upset about the lack of options they have while making their schedules for next semester, and for many people it has become

inconvenient to their overall life schedules.

Rasheed Douyon, 20, business administration major from Trevose says, “I work, and have a very active family life as well, so I try to make my school schedule fit around all of that. I have some hard classes, and now I’m worried I’ll be put in a position where I have to take a bunch of online classes and basically

teach myself.”

Since registration opened up in late October most classes that are not broad general classes required for every major, such as English Composition and Effective Speaking, have minimal options for class times.

From talking to students and faculty such as Hagedorn and Queeny on campus, as well as conducting personal

research it seems that most courses only offer about 4 sections. The 4 sections are usually one night class, one Monday, Wednesday and Friday class, one Tuesday and Thursday class, and one online class. So as you can imagine this has become an inconvenience for students.

Carly Pendergast, 19, Journalism major from Newtown says, “As a journalism major all of my journalism classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so I try to plan my other classes around that as well. But I’ve already run into the problem where the class I need to graduate, conflicts with my journalism classes, so now I’m forced to take it online.”

Ryan Brown, 21, criminal justice major from Fairless Hills shares similar feelings saying, “Making my class schedule for next semester has been a huge headache, trying to coordinate all my

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GMO: The future or demise of agriculture?

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Since its beginnings in the early 1990s, the use of genetically modified organisms (GMO) in farming has become increasingly controversial.

“GMO’s are living organisms whose genetic material has been artificially manipulated in a laboratory through genetic engineering known as GE. Former biotech engineer Thierry Vain explains on one of the many informative TED talks (a nonprofit organization dedicated to spreading information and ideas.)

GMO involves the mutilation, insertion, or deletion of a gene or certain part of DNA of said organism. The insertion of another gene usually comes from another plant or animal. Reported by The Non-GMO project; a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating people about GMO’s.

Vain explains that the companies that supported this technology, like Monsanto, were chemical companies, which transformed into what are now referred to as biotech companies.

“This technology was not tested before being used on plants, medicine, and animals and sold to people,” says Vain.

The corn and soya plants that are now everywhere in our environment are registered as insecticides. However these insecticidal plants and their proteins have not been tested by the federal departments that are in charge of food safety in the U.S. and Canada, according to points made by Vain.

Vain’s short 22 minute video lecture talks about the realistic fears of Genetic Engineering and the problems it has caused, as well as the negative impact it could have on the future.

Large corporations like Monsanto wanted crops that were resistant to weeds and insects, so they composed stronger chemicals that would help ward off pests and weeds.

“Genetic Engineering was created for a specific reason. To generate crops that could coincide with the new pesticides and herbicides these biotech companies have produced.” Vain explains.

Vain goes on to explain that, after these crops were put into use it led to something called super weeds. These weeds have become resistant to these new pesticides.

Insects have also built up a tolerance to insecticide which is leading companies to want to create even more potent chemicals which will led to a



Photograph of GMO crops

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vicious cycle.

Another serious issue is genetic pollution. The genes created for these modified organisms hold bacteria and that foreign bacterium can move from gene to gene.

So the GM farm that lives next to the organic farm now runs the risk of being infected with that new form of bacteria from the GM

farm. That runoff leads to the organic crops dying because of the unknown bacteria, Vain explains.

The Institute of Science in Society (ISIS) performed a study surveying 6 major rivers in China. They found in 6 out of the 6 rivers, a bacteria gene that was created in a lab.

This bacterium is referred to as a bla gene. “A bla gene

confers resistance to a wide range of therapeutic antibiotics and the widespread environment pollution with bla resistant bacteria is a major public health concern.” ISIS reported.

This opened up a new string of problems like toxic proteins and allergens. Since news of these problems has

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classes so they flow well, and make it fit around my work schedule. I would love to see more options.”

Hagedorn, the Dean of Student Services, stresses the importance of communicating with your advisors and deans of the departments. She says, “If the student is graduating and it’s a requirement for the major I suggest they talk to the dean because the dean will know if there’s an appropriate substitution for the class, they will know if the class will be opened up a new section, or they will know when it will be offered again. They may not have an instant solution but they’ll be able to come up with a plan of action.”

She also goes onto say that, “The deans need to hear from students otherwise they have no way of knowing that the students are in need or have scheduling problems.” Hagedorn also poses the possible and most logical reason for the limited number of class sections saying, “I would say the reason might be that there are 7 academic apartments and each dean is trying to offer the amount of classes that students need and fill the classes so that students don’t get classes cancelled at the last minute because they’re not full. It’s better to have limited sections that are full of students, than have too many sections that are half full and end up getting



Photo of Founder’s Hall Entrance

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cancelled.”

However she does reassure students saying that, “I do think more sections will open up, they usually do because there is such a long gap between registration and the beginning of the classes. So they usually wait until the waitlist is full then open a new section. There is someone keeping an eye on the classes every day to see if they’re getting filled up. Then they determine what they need more of.”

Hagedorn assures students that faculty want what is best for students but they also need to be aware

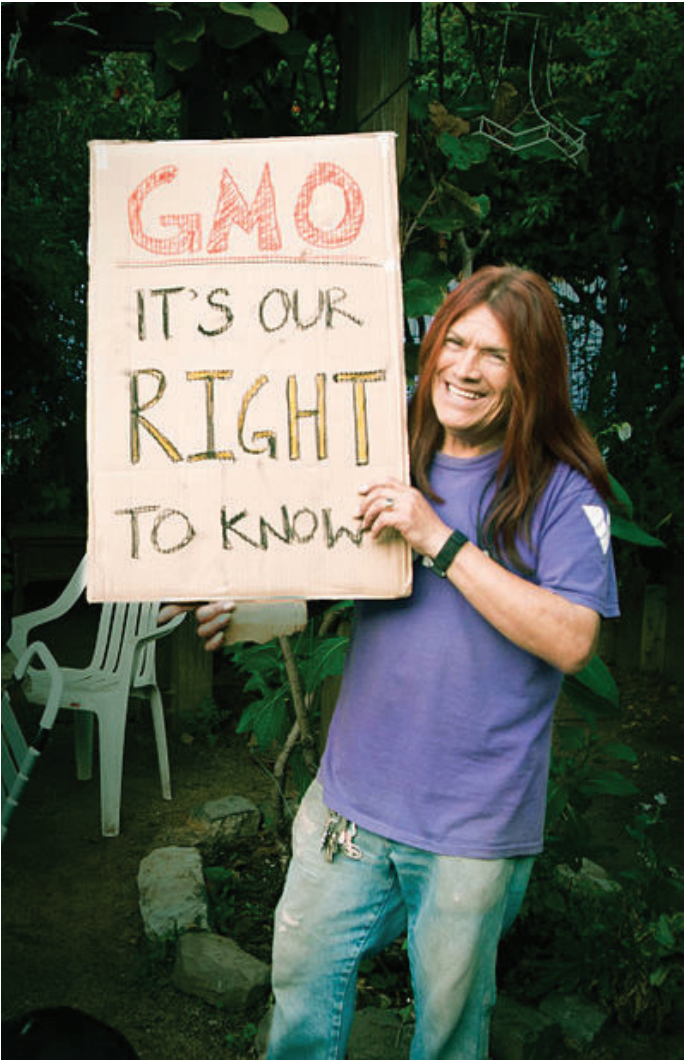
of the problem. Hagedorn admitted that she wasn’t aware of the problem until multiple students brought it to her attention, now she’s doing whatever she can to advocate for students.

If you are still in a panic Hagedorn offers this tip; she says to just register for the classes you need as soon as possible, even if it’s not exactly the time you wanted. She says then to keep your eyes open for new class section openings. She also stresses that the best thing to do is to be proactive, get ahead of the problem, talk to someone, and find a solution.

As stressful as planning your schedule maybe, keep your head up and stay optimistic. There is a solution to just about everyone’s but the first step to any of those solutions is communication.

Use your voice and make sure your concerns are heard, contrary to what some may think, the administration and staff really do care about the students of BCCC and they want to help. So stop by your professor’s office, advisor, department dean, or student services and voice your concerns, because you are the huge piece of solving the problem.

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GMO awareness supporter

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come to light, there have been two kinds of research conducted.

Vain says, “One kind is academic research that is sponsored by the biotech companies in question. The other form is being done by countries that are funded by independent agencies and universities such as the Society of Toxicology”

The research that was sponsored by the biotech companies concluded that GMO’s are safe for the environment, and therefore safe to eat.

The Society of Toxicology

(SOT) found that genetically modified crops caused serious health problems for the rats that were fed GMO potatoes.

SOT performed toxicity tests on the rats, which showed damage to their brain, testicles, and kidneys.

Arpad Pusztai a renowned biochemist who conducted three years of research on GMO’s and came to the conclusion that GMO’s “cause organ damage, reproductive failure, digestive dysfunction, impaired immunity, and cancer, among many other conditions.” Natural News (a website that reports on environmental issues) reported.

Natural News wrote that, Pusztai and his team of researchers were immediately fired when they went public with their research.

In 1996 the FDA predicted, “that engineered foods would contain rouge proteins, that could be toxins, cause allergies, and nutritional deficiency and other diseases.”

The companies that back GMO’s argue that this is the future of agriculture. The mass production of these crops can create a plethora of new options for developing and industrial countries that can lead to ending world hunger, reports Monsanto.

“We offer solutions to complex issues by developing better seeds and systems to help farmers with productivity on the farm and grow more nutritious food while conserving natural resources.” Dr. Robb Fraley a Monsanto employee explains the mission they have with GMO farming.

The biotech crops in 2013 were used in 27 countries and created over 170 million acres of new crops reported ISAAA (International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications.)

The University of Santa Cruz did reports on the positives of GMO’s and the ability for these crops to grow in undesirable environments. Also the new chemical compounds of these crops gives a longer shelf life to GMO foods so they can travel greater distances.

Here at the Bucks cafeteria all of the food served is GMO. When asking the cafeteria aides if they knew what companies supply the food here, the response was unanimous, “We don’t have anything to do with the ordering

of the food. When unpacking the baked goods and perishable items the main brand is CulinArt.” Says Kathy Marks, a cafeteria aide.

CulinArt proudly states their use of GMO ingredients on their web page. When asking students at Bucks what they think of GMO’s being served to the student body, most people had the same opinion.

Rasheed Douyon, 20, a business major says, “We control what we see on TV, what music we listen to, what we eat, but ultimately it all comes down to convenience. GMO’s are so widely used and its easy so that’s why it works.”

Johnny Cohen, 21, a communications major, says, “It’s not right that, we don’t have a choice. But someone is making money off it somewhere so it works.”

While the debate continues about the pros and cons of GMO farming, people in the U.S are most concerned about their right to know when they are eating a GMO or a non-GMO.

The United States does not require GMO labeling, unlike the 64 countries that do require it, reported by the company Just Label It (JLI). JLI is an organization that is dedicated to getting the U.S and the rest of the world to be apart of the 64 countries that require GMO labeling by law.

While the question of GMO foods being healthy or unhealthy is still unclear, every person has the right to make a choice between GMO and organic. As the battle continues, labeling should be the first step America takes to protecting the rights of the American people.

Local News

Bucks holds event in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness month



Domestic Violence Awareness ribbon.
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To increase awareness about domestic violence and the risk of sexual assault, Bucks invited Christina Baer, director of A Woman’s Place (AWP), to educate students about the steps they could take to protect themselves and the services that are available on campus.

The event took place on Oct. 9 since October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

As the current head of AWP, Baer has been educating and counseling people on how to guard against domestic violence for more than five years. During her hour-long presentation, Baer described how domestic violence could progress between two people who are involved in a relationship and the general impact that such abuse could have on the victim.

Baer said that one of the partners could start exhibiting excessive behavior when he or she sends repeated texts in a short amount of time without waiting for an answer or showing a constant need to know about the whereabouts of his or her partner.

One of the most pressing issues facing young couples, according to Baer, is how to set appropriate boundaries. The difficulty seems to lie in the fact that boundary-setting runs counter to the impulse of wanting to please one’s partner as much as possible. Thus, since boundary-setting actions could cause friction or displeasure, many couples might be reluctant to take that step.

Baer said that this reluctance is even greater when it comes to sexual contact. It could be particularly hard for a woman to say “no” to her partner, but Baer emphasized that this is an important step that must be taken in a relationship. To that end, Baer encouraged students to establish proper boundaries.

By policing those boundaries vigilantly, Baer indicated that women would be less likely to become victims of domestic violence or non-consensual sex. She also stressed that anyone could end up in an abusive relationship.

It is an issue that resonated personally with Baer because she has a friend who was a victim of domestic violence. Baer’s friend was threatened with a baseball bat by her boyfriend during an altercation.

Oftentimes, there are many abusers who would try to rationalize their behavior. She told the students “nothing could justify these types of behavior” because such “abuse is a conscious choice.”

In an interview after her presentation, Baer said she wants students to keep in mind that when involved in a relationship, they have the right to respect and be respected by their partners.

For the male participants, Baer showed a short video that depicted the importance of seeking consent. The video is entitled “Seven A’s of Hooking Up.” It is a response to a letter written by a fraternity member giving advice on “luring your rapebait.”

In the video, Jamie Utt stressed that a guy should ask a girl for her consent before attempting to do anything, be it kissing, inviting her to his room, or engaging in any sexual activities.

Carey Thomas, a criminal justice major from Trevose, reacted to the presentation by saying that the information provided by the lecture could greatly benefit a relationship since the information could guide one on how to treat one’s partner with respect.

The lecture was also well received by Carey Nickey, who is also from Trevose and majoring in social work. Nickey stressed the importance of having such information available to college students.

Dekia Smith, the director of counseling services and student services, who organized the lecture, said, “The goal of the event is to empower students so that if anything were to happen to them, they would know what to do.”

Smith also mentioned that she wants students to know where they can go for help, what their rights are and all the counseling services that are accessible to them on campus.



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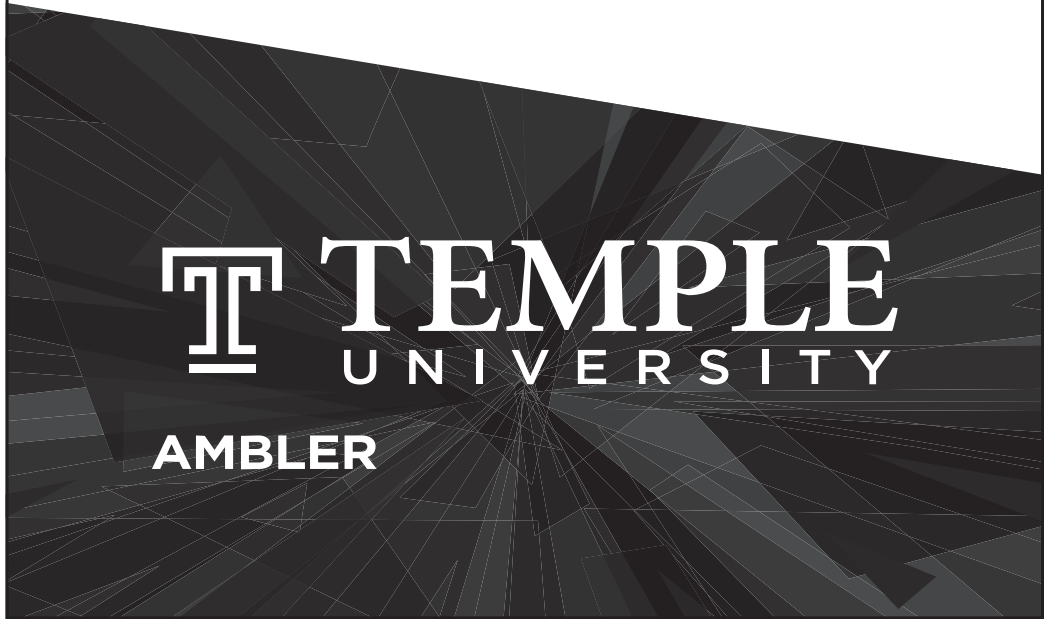
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Christian Club welcomes those who want to increase their knowledge of Christ



A Christian Club meeting.

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The Bucks Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship’s mission is, “To be open to anyone who is questioning the credibility of Christianity, the relevance of Jesus Christ or seeking Christian fellowship.” The club has been around for more than eight years, according to the facilitator of the group, Pastor Brian Weed from Calvary Chapel

of Philadelphia. It meets on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Solarium at the Newtown Campus. Weed says, “We’ve found that God fills the void that a lot of people didn’t even know they had. The group has been a great place for people to connect for years.” The group has a regular attendance of about 15. Naomi Thompson, 19, one of the regulars, said that the group

has been growing the past few weeks. The president, Lance Zartar, 20, said, “We would love for anybody to come out and join us. This would be a good way to ask questions and get involved. You don’t have to be a Christian.” However, he said it is generally a group of people who share the same beliefs. The secretary of the group, Toni Valentini, 19, said, “The

main purpose of it is to find Jesus’ loving community on campus” and that the group is “close knit.” Some students in the group attend Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia. “Outside of the meetings we like to reach out. We give away water ice to kids when it is warm outside and hot chocolate when it is cold,” says Valentini. Thompson, who started attending this semester, said she goes “to grow relationships with people that have the same beliefs” and to grow in her own faith. She stated, “We’re still all getting to know each other but it helps that we all have a common topic to talk about and a great pastor to facilitate.” Sam Bair, 18, said that the group is “a good place to meet new people and learn about the Bible.” Cassandra Flor, 19, agreed, saying she “Really likes having people that you can talk about your faith with and connect to,” and thinks that “Having that is one of the most important things in your

life.” She went on to encourage newcomers. “It’s a nice group of people if you want to check out the faith, and you don’t have to commit. There is no pressure.” Flor added, “It is a great opportunity to make genuine friendships and to discover truth. Plus now I see familiar faces on campus and it’s really nice.” Gabrielle Martins, 19, adds that the group is a “Good place to be able to open up about your views on Christianity.” Thompson says the group, later on in the semester, will be collecting diapers for single moms. Pastor Brian Weed also said that they are planning to do an outreach to benefit local homeless shelters. Valentini said she “Encourages people to come out because it is a safe place to ask honest questions about the Christian faith. It is a loving community, growing in the knowledge of Christ.”

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Nissan Sentra stolen from Newtown Campus

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On Thursday, Oct. 22, at around 1:15 pm, a student reported their vehicle, a silver 1995 Nissan Sentra, stolen from parking lot A. The director of Security and Safety at Bucks, Dennis McCauley, says that the stolen vehicle was reported via the emergency call box.

Security officers first searched the school parking lots, to ensure that the car was in fact stolen, and not simply misplaced. “Sometimes we get these reports and the...person forgot where they parked it, which lot. So we spent a

lot of time looking around, ultimately determining that it wasn’t in any of the lots.” says McCauley.

Once the car was officially determined to be stolen, the police were contacted. “The police came out and took a police report, and entered it into what they call the NCIC database.

The car is entered in there as a stolen vehicle. What that does,” explained McCauley, “is if any police officer should come across the car, call in the license plate, for some reason, it will pop up on their system as a stolen vehicle.”

As of Nov. 5, the student reports that the car has still not been recovered, and Bucks



Parking lot at Bucks’ Newtown Campus

security currently has no leads as to who the thief may be. “No one has been accused or arrested in the case,” says McCauley.



Parking lot at Bucks’ Newtown Campus

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Car thefts on campus are, as McCauley states, “very, very unusual,” and until Thursday, one hadn’t occurred since 2007.

Despite this, security advises students to take simple precautions such as double checking that they’ve locked their car, keeping their keys on them at all times, and keeping any valuables inside their car hidden from view.

McCauley said crime on campus tends to spike during April and October, but normally consists of “either graffiti or thefts of small items like cellphones.

Typically that happens because the student left their property unattended. So they set their cell phone down and walked away from it. We always recommend students not to leave valuable

items unattended.”

Benjamin DeGraffinried, 24 who is a Business Administration major from Yardley believes that, “There should be cameras out there, maybe even more staff.”

DeGraffinried also added, “I’m surprised I haven’t heard anything about it; no text messages or emails.”

Jackie Nem, a 19-year-old Business Administration major from Langhorne was unaware of the incident as well saying, “That blows my mind.”

Nem added that security should possibly increase the frequency of their patrols.

Updates on this matter will be reported as they develop. For now, it’s best to keep an extra eye out for suspicious activity, and report anything to security.



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Professors honored for their hard work

By: JOHNNY COHEN AND
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These professor’s impressive works include pieces of art work, entire art shows, published works, published books, awarded books, awarded articles, the composition of orchestras and music, groundbreaking research, grants, certifications, presentations, panels, and much more.

These professor’s works benefit not only themselves but the college. For example, Linda Rehfuss, a professor in the Math and Science department received a grant that Bucks will see about \$400,000 of.

Tony Rogers, a professor in the journalism department, posts frequently to his About.com website; these posts often give tips to up-and-coming journalist on how to improve their writing techniques.

Rogers’ page attracts anywhere between 100,000 and 200,000 page views a month.

Another professor whose work can be physically seen

is Raymond O’Brien, a professor in the geography and social and behavioral science department here at Bucks. O’Brien very recently has had a new book published entitled “The Story of Bucks County.”

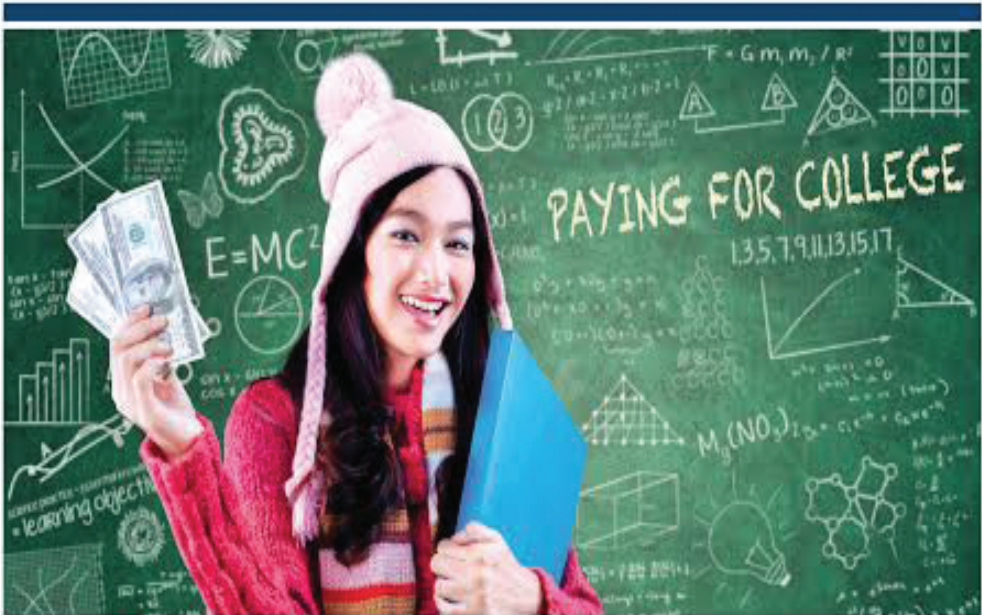
This 350 page chronicle will be used as the text book for a course that will be offered next semester at Bucks titled, The History of Bucks County.

The book covers Bucks County’s history from its inception, to current day, changes in Bucks County’s history, geography and folklore.

“The book includes a lot of student input,” states O’Brien. He also added, “Residents of Bucks County (mainly students) find that, of all the sights, landmarks and things to experience in Bucks - that our College was their favorite thing.”

Recognition was given to over 50 professors for all the hard work they have done to better past year.

President Shanblatt stated, “I know that being a full time faculty member is a busy job, and yet so many of you want to share what you’ve learned beyond the classroom, or your research or creative experiences; whether it’s writing, poetry, music or art... it’s really quite wonderful. I might ask when you have time to sleep.”



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Arts and Entertainment

‘The Walking Dead’ started as a comic book series

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Cable television’s biggest series, “The Walking Dead,” on AMC returns for its sixth season after an incredible run with season five. So far, things look promising as the show has thrown us right into the middle of some intense gore and pandemonium. But if you think the TV series is great, then you’ll absolutely love the comic book series. For those who don’t know, “The Walking Dead” actually started out as a comic book series written by the show’s executive producer, Robert Kirkman, and released by Image Comics.

Since the comic books were the starting point for the show, they have had a little bit of a head start on the story. There are some characters that have been introduced in the comic book series and have already been killed off before they’ve even joined the cast on the TV show. So for avid readers of the comics, you have some idea of what will happen next on the TV show.

Liberal Arts major Forrester Somsanith, 19, of Holland says, “I got pretty busy and just fell out of the loop on the show. I guess I stopped watching around the end of season two. I’ve been super eager to get back into it. I’ve seen some trailers on TV. There’s people I’ve never seen before and it looks like a lot has happen to the charac-



ters since I last saw them.” What’s nice about the TV show and the comics is that one isn’t a mirror image of the other. There are some dark and brutal things that have happened in the comics that simply did not happen in the show – sometimes for the better.

Nursing major Mikayla Strunk, 20, of Warminster states, “It’s the best show ever – it’s just so terrifying to

watch. You’re watching the show and you’re just imagining yourself in the situation of these characters. Rick used to be such a nice guy. He’d be trying to do the right thing, but ever since he ripped out that guy’s throat, he’s been crazy!”

There are also things about the comics that lovers of the show will hate. For instance, – Merle and Daryl Dixon are non-existent in the comic

book series.

Don’t let this discourage you from reading, though. What’s great about the comic books is that because of these dark and gritty plot points, readers will find that they grow to love certain characters in the comics that they could care less about in the show; and vice-versa. Strunk states, “Glenn used to be such an innocent baby, and now he’s a tough, hard-core dude.”

Things will happen to characters like Tyrese, Glenn, Carl and even Rick that will leave you unconditionally shocked.

That doesn’t mean you have to go spend roughly \$4 on each issue, though. As a way to save some money and time searching for each issue, “The Walking Dead” volumes are available to readers.

Each volume contains six issues, and currently, there have been 25 volumes released. If that still seems like too much digging around, the series also has “The Walking Dead” compendiums, which contain about eight volumes each.

The first compendium is composed of issues 1-48. The second compendium continues the series with issues 49-96, and the third compendium (just released in October), includes issues 99- 144. Amazon sells each compendium for roughly \$30 to \$35.

If you are short on the cash for all three books, there are some public libraries that carry the compendiums. They are quite sought after though, so it’s best to be diligent and keep an open eye to when they’re available to rent.

“The Walking Dead” TV show runs on AMC Sunday nights at 9 p.m. Whether you’re a TV binger, a comic reader, or both, “The Walking Dead” is definitely a series to check out.



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The story behind AHS's newest season: Hotel



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The “American Horror Story” (AHS) series has been known for its’ intriguing and disturbing story lines and characters, and this year’s season, Hotel, is continuing to keep viewers on their toes with this horrifying background story to the inspiration behind this season.

The new season premiered last month with the excitement forming around the news that Lady Gaga had a main role in the newest season as the Hotel’s 115-year-old warden, “The Countess.”

This is also the first season where the shows leading lady, Jessica Lange, is no longer involved in the cast.

After the filming of Murder House (2011), Asylum

(2012), Coven (2013), Freak Show (2014), the production of Hotel was made for this year’s terrifying season.

The story is based in downtown Los Angeles in the haunted Hotel Cortez, where we are introduced to some main characters that will be displayed throughout the season.

What is even creepier than the show itself, is the inspiration the producers had behind the making of this season in particular.

Without giving the season away, here is the true background story on why Hotel seemed scary enough to go with for the newest setting for AHS to be based upon.

The inspiration was based on a real hotel in L.A. called the Cecil Hotel, one of the area’s most famous hotels due

to its dark history. Known for having been home to serial killers, murderers, and the paranormal, this place is claimed to be cursed.

The most recent event and main motivation for this season was based on the strange

death of a young student from Canada named, Elisa Lam who had come to stay at the Cecil. The 21-year-old’s body was found after she had drowned, decomposing in the rooftop water tanks of the hotel on Feb. 19 2013.

The investigation later turned up very strange video from the hotel elevator from two weeks before Lam’s body was discovered. The tape shows Lam going into the elevator alone, then proceeding to press all of the buttons on the panel, and then walking out slowly.

She then begins to wave her hands around and it appears that she is having a conversation with someone who isn’t even there; then the elevator door closes and she walks away.

Investigators say she made

her way to the water tanks after the incident on the elevator; the water tanks are seemingly impossible to get into. There were also no drugs or alcohol found in the Lam’s autopsy report.

After residents start complaining about the discoloration and taste in the water is when Lam’s body was discovered, and no one truly knows what made her do it. But, it has inspired many scenes in horror films, including this push that made hotels appear creepy to viewers.

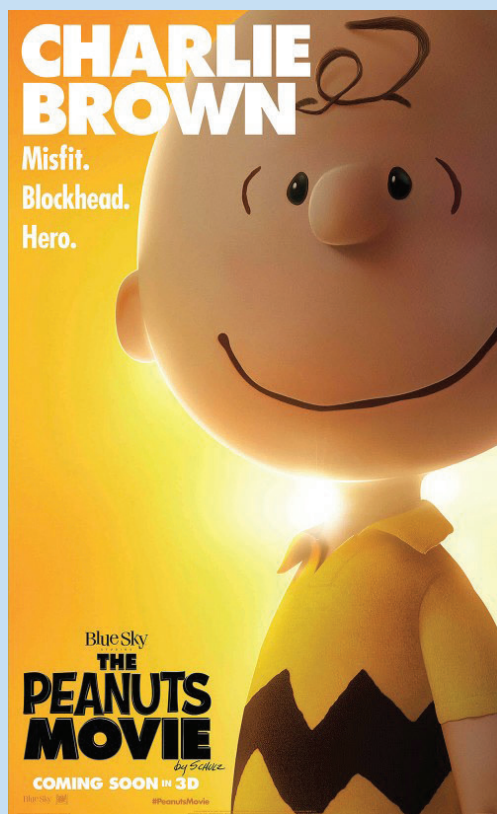
With many more paranormal surprises that appear in this film, the creepy story behind the creation of this season, makes the show that much more interesting. Now into its fifth episode, it is claimed to be the scariest season of AHS so far.



CENTURIONS’ CHOICE

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“It’s the Great Pumpkin”



“The Peanut Movie”

Another classic Charlie Brown movie hit the theaters Nov. 6th. This heartwarming tale of the whole Peanut gang hits the big screen in 3D animation for the first time. Charlie Brown our favorite underdog travels through a heroic quest, while Snoopy battles his nemesis the Red Baron. It has received great reviews and is fun for the whole family.

Movies

“Spectre”

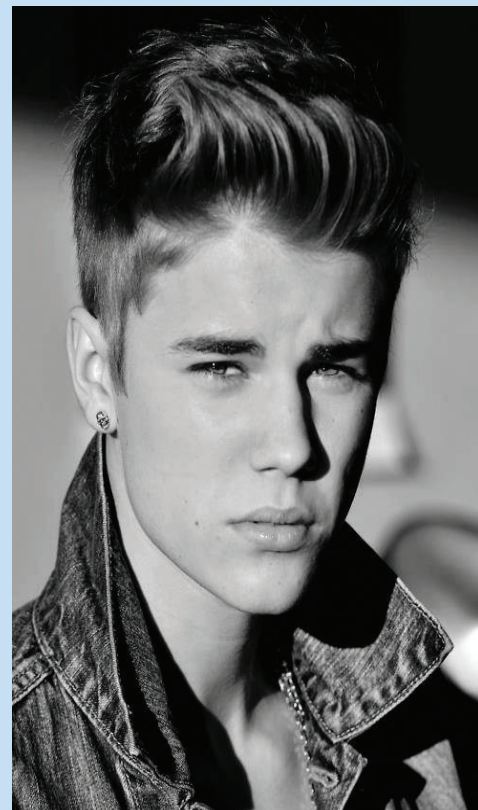


“Spectre”

Spectre hit the theaters Friday the Nov. 6th as the fourth installment of the latest James Bond saga. Following “SkyFall”, “Spectre” brought in \$70.4M in the box office. Christoph Waltz co-starring of Django Unchained and Inglourious Basterds portrays another infamous villain for Bond (Daniel Craig) to battle. While Bond yet again confronts political forces, he always manages to come out on top. Rated PG-13, not suitable for children.

Music

“Purpose” by Justin Bieber



“Purpose” by Justin Bieber

Justin’s new album hits the stores Nov. 13th and is highly anticipated by young people across the globe. His singles like “What Do You Mean?” and “Sorry” have stayed at the number one spots since their release. Everyone is looking forward to the rest of the songs on the album being released.

Sports

Temple Owls soar to new heights, but will it last?



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On Saturday Oct. 31, an undefeated No.21 ranked Temple Owls squad fell short against national powerhouse Notre Dame 24-20 thanks to a late touchdown throw by Fighting Irish quarterback DeShone Kizer, but for many this still felt like a win. 69,280 fans roared for the Owls in a sold out Lincoln Financial Field and a wave of cherry red overflowed parking lots from sunrise to sun down in perhaps the largest showing in Temple Owls football history.

Both teams were ranked inside the Top 25 and have been playing at a high level all season. ESPN's lead pregame show "College Gameday" was aired in front of Independence Hall with fans flooding the streets and the game was televised in the premiere time slot for college football -- 8 p.m. on ABC.

For what may have seemed like the first time ever, the Owls were playing in a football game with actual

significance. Temple students and Philadelphia alike are ecstatic with the newly found attention and success of the team. But will they soon fall back to mediocracy as they did in 2006?

For a program that has seen just six winning seasons since 1979 it would be easy to say that this moment was the peak of Temple football history, while others believe that this is just the beginning of a great resurgence for both the team and the program in general.

Cody Sterner, 19, business administration major from Quakertown says, "I think this team has established a winning culture that will last. Rather than a one-year wonder."

Critics who believe that Temple has reached their peak of success will be quick to point to the short-lived success of former head coach Al Golden. Golden took the job in 2006 and after enduring three consecutive losing seasons he was able to lead the Owls to a 9-3 record and their first postseason game since 1979. A similar hysteria

rose around the program then as there is now.

After going 8-4 the following season Golden accepted a new job at the University of Miami and Temple quickly returned to their losing form. From 2012-2014 the team failed to achieve a winning record and once again became an afterthought in the minds of many fans. Naturally, some students draw comparisons between that situation and the current one.

Nathan Weaver, 19, business management major from Quakertown says, "I think it's awesome that they can play with the top teams, but soon their coach [Matt Rhule] will leave and it'll be same old Temple."

Due to their past experiences of head coaches leaving town for better jobs, Temple fans have tempered their expectations. But is there reason to believe that the success of this Temple football team can be sustained?

Anthony Direnzo, 19, business administration major from Sellersville notes that there a lot of differences

between this year's team and teams of the past, he explains

"One difference would be the change in conferences. In 2009 -- the peak of Golden's success -- Temple came in third in the Mid-American Conference (MAC). They now play in the highly competitive American Athletic Conference (The American). The American is considered to be the best conference for teams that are not traditional powers; this is evident in the fact that they have three teams nationally ranked inside the Top 25."

Another clear cut difference between the two situations is the quality of competition that Temple faced in 2009 compared to now. During the team's previous stint of success they would have never even thought of competing on the same field as Notre Dame or Penn State -- who they defeated earlier this season for the first time since 1941. In contrast, it could be argued that Temple's biggest win in 2009 was against Toledo, a vastly inferior team to both Penn State and Notre Dame.

"I think Temple football can be relevant every year, just like their basketball [program] is," says Kyle Chubb, 19, pre-allied health major from Quakertown. "I think this current team has done too much for the program to [regress] like it has in the past."

The success that this Temple team has already achieved is arguably greater than that of the 2009 team. Six years ago, despite their success at the time, the team barely filled half the stadium for their home games. Fast forward to 2015 and this team has already sold out two of their home games while shattering attendance records.

The 2015 Temple Owls football team is competing at a level that it has never reached before. It's easy to point to the team's recent history and argue that this is the apex of success for Temple football. While that may be true, for the first time in the modern era of this program, Owl fans can open their mind to the possibility that this is beginning of a resurgence for Temple football.

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Sports

Women’s basketball season cancelled

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The Bucks Centurion Women’s Basketball team’s season has been cancelled. Emails have been going out to try and interest people, and the coach and team members have tried recruiting people as well; however, the fact is that there are just not enough players to form a Women’s Basketball team this season at Bucks.

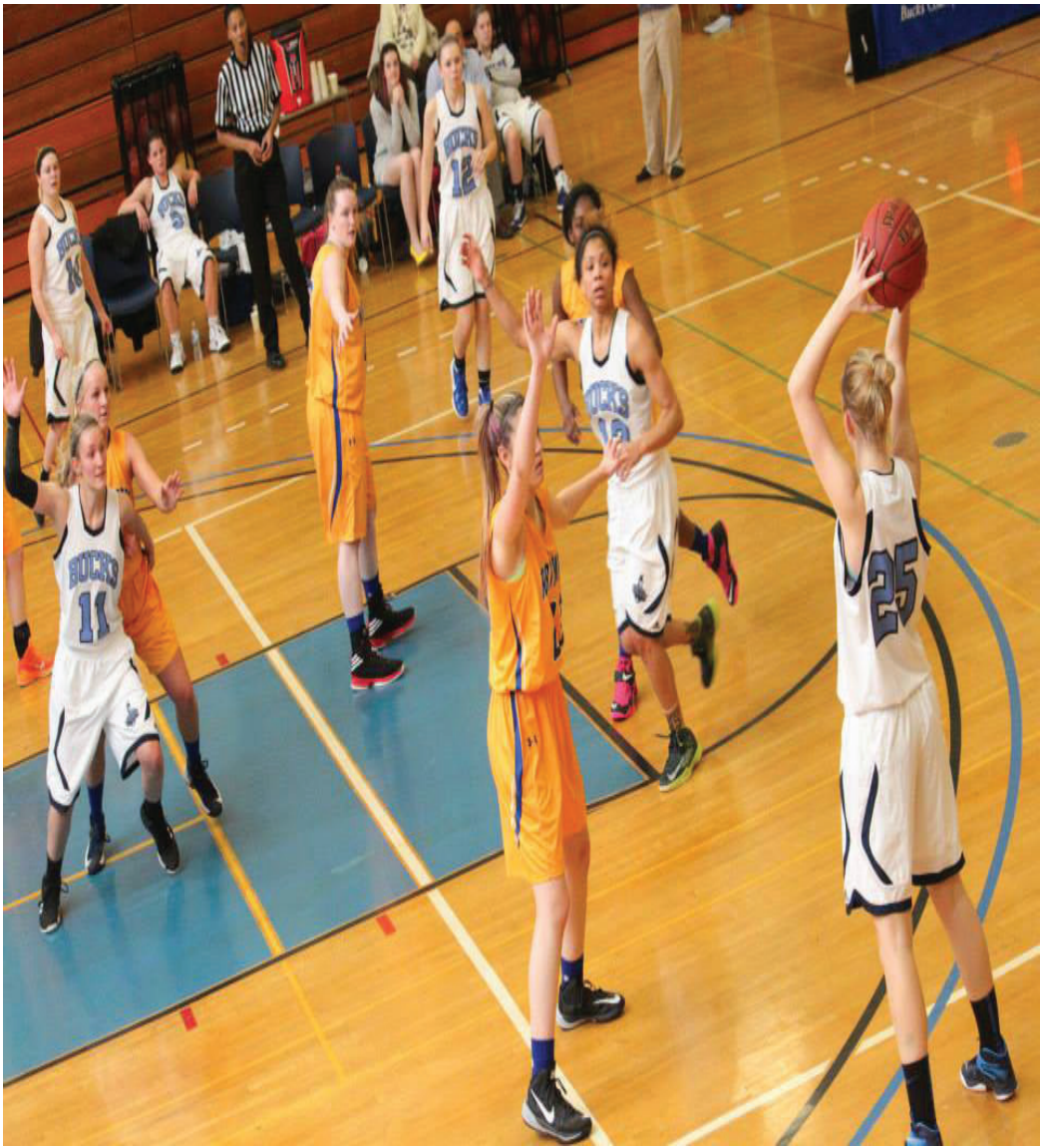
On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the decision was made to cancel the season.

The Women’s Basketball coach, Lori Sullivan, said, “This was a complete surprise to me, but due to various last-minute conflict the players had to cut basketball,” and so they had to cut the season.

She clarified that the issue was not a lack of interest but rather prospective player’s injuries and conflicting schedules. She went on to say she was “thankful the girls were honest. I value the honesty of the girls, so it is what it is.”

Naomi Thompson, 19, who was planning on being a part of the team this year, said, “the coach has been trying to recruit girls since fall sports have ended.” She has even been trying to recruit the fall volleyball players and soccer players, “but it’s just not their thing.”

This would have been



Women’s basketball in action last season.

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Thompson’s first year playing basketball for the Centurions, but she said, “I was really upset that the season was cancelled because this is the first season I will not be playing

basketball since I was 4 years old. Also, basketball gets me in shape.”

She said that only three women, including herself, ended up coming out to prac-

tices and joining, but there needs to be a total of five players for them to be considered a real basketball team.

She said they thought of possibly “moving down to a

club team so that we would not have to forfeit the season, but if we do that, then it’s too hard to go back up to NJCAA Division III.”

For next year, Thompson encouraged students at Bucks or coming into Bucks to “make sure you get your friends to come out next time so that we can actually have a season.” She did say, however, that for this season it is too late.

To encourage potential newcomers, she says that “playing a Division III sport is a great opportunity for anyone because it builds their character, they make new friendships, and it looks good for prospective colleges. Plus, it gets you in shape.”

In preparing for next year, Coach Sullivan and her assistant coach, Fredrick Hilliard, are going to “meet up with a game plan to come up with a strategy so that this doesn’t happen again.”

Although she is discouraged, she has hope: “There are seniors who have reached out to me for next year.”

Coach Sullivan added, “It is very disheartening to me and to my assistant coach, Fredrick Hilliard, because we want to support Bucks and we cannot do it at this level. That is the first thing we want to do is support Bucks.”

Sports briefs: Men’s golf, women’s soccer



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Men’s Golf

The Men’s Golf team ended their fall season, finishing 3rd at Golden Oaks Golf Club in the EPAC Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Kyle Henofer and Shane McIntyre tied for first with a score of 74. P.J. Synol finished with an 88 and Cody Sterner added a 94, giving the Centurions a team total of 330.

The Spring season will be kicking off Monday, April 11, against the Five Ponds Community College at the Bucks invitational event.

Men’s Soccer

The season is officially over for the men’s soccer team after falling short 2-0 to Camden Community College in the regional semi-finals on Oct. 29.

They finished with an overall record of 11-5-1 and an 8-2 conference record. The team should be proud of how well they did this year after facing the difficulty of losing their teammate Rui Raimundo to injuries.

There are high hopes for the upcoming season, so be sure to show your school spirit and come out to support them next fall.

Women’s Soccer

The women’s soccer team completed their season on Tuesday, Oct., 20 in their loss to Union County College.

Women’s Soccer 2015 campaign came to a conclusion with the loss to Union County College.

Alexa Moors was named 2nd Team All-Region in Region XIX. Moors ended the season with 9 goals, 5 assists, 31 shots and 23 points.

With an overall record of 3-12 and 2-2 in the conference, the women’s team will be picking back up next fall.

Women’s Volleyball

The Lady Centurions’ Volleyball season finished Tuesday, Oct. 20 in their loss to the Ocean County College Vikings. The loss ended the chance of a playoff run for the girls.

They finished the year with an overall record of 7-10 and 6-6 in their conference. The Lady Centurions Volleyball team will return in Fall 2016.

Men’s Basketball

After the 106-79 loss to the Valley Forge Military College Thursday, Nov. 5, the Men’s Basketball team is now 0-2.

Hoping to turn it around soon, they’ve got a long season ahead of them, so come out and support the guys. You can find their schedule on the Bucks Athletic page.

Women’s Basketball

Unfortunately the women’s basketball team will not be able to play their season this year because of the lack of players. Hopefully things will be different next year. There is more on this above.

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